Washington State House of Representatives Office of Program Research

BILL ANALYSIS

General Government Appropriations Committee

SB 6540

Brief Description: Transferring the combined fund drive from the department of personnel to the secretary of state.

Sponsors: Senators Fairley, Swecker, King, Parlette, Fraser, Pridemore, Shin and Roach; by request of Secretary of State and Department of Personnel.

Brief Summary of Bill

• Transfers operations of the Combined Fund Drive from the Department of Personnel to the Office of the Secretary of State.

Hearing Date: 2/23/10

Staff: David Pringle (786-7310).

Background:

The Combined Fund Drive operated by the Department of Personnel (DOP) raises money for charity primarily from state employees in a fashion designed to reduce the disruption that might be caused by multiple fund drives. The Combined Fund Drive is the only organization authorized to make charitable solicitation of Washington State employees in the workplace on behalf of participating not-for-profit organizations and federations.

The Combined Fund Drive engages in a variety of activities to establish a network of agency employees that lead workplace charitable giving campaigns, engage in appropriate fund raising and advertising activities to support fund-raising, and establish the network of local and international charities as beneficiaries of the program.

Summary of Bill:

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The Combined Fund Drive is transferred from the DOP to the the Office of the Secretary of State (Secretary of State). All materials held by the DOP related to the operation of the Combined Fund Drive are transferred to the custody of the Secretary of State, and all employees of DOP whose positions are funded from the administrative fee generated by the Combined Fund Drive are transferred to the Secretary of State without any loss of rights or duties, subject thereafter to the civil service rules.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.